



**Indiana
Department
of
Health**



Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

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State Health Commissioner

**ORDER TO EXPEDITE CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE TRAINING FOR
PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS AND TEMPORARY NURSE AIDES
DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

Pursuant to the “Declaration of Public Health Emergency for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak” issued by Governor Eric Holcomb on March 6, 2020 as extended and supplemented (the “Governor’s Declaration”) and IC 4-21.5-4-1, and as authorized by IC 16-28-1-10 and the September 18, 1991 resolution of the Executive Board of the Indiana Department of Health (the “Department”), the State Health Commissioner hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Any person (a “candidate”) who
 - a. became a registered Personal Care Attendant (“PCA”) under the Department’s March 21, 2020 “Emergency Order Authorizing Temporary Personal Care Attendant Positions and Training for Nursing Homes” as amended, extended, and ultimately reissued September 23, 2020, or under the Department’s March 23, 2020 “Emergency Order Authorizing Temporary Personal Care Attendant Positions & Training for Residential Care Facilities” as amended, extended, and ultimately reissued September 23, 2020; or
 - b. became a registered Temporary Nurse Aide (“TNA”) under the Department’s April 18, 2020 “Sixth Emergency Order Granting Temporary Blanket Waivers for Comprehensive Care Facilities” as extended and ultimately reissued September 23, 2020, or under the Department’s April 20, 2020 “Fifth Emergency Order Granting Temporary Blanket Waivers for Residential Care Facilities as extended and ultimately reissued September 23, 2020;

may fulfill the training to become a Certified Nurse Aide (“CNA”) on an expedited basis as set forth and described in this Order.

2. A candidate may fulfill the 75 hours of training currently required¹ to become a CNA by completing an expedited CNA training course as follows:

¹ See the Indiana Department of Health’s October 24, 2020 “Order to Facilitate Certified Nurse Aide Training During the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency.”

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- a. The candidate will be credited eight (8) hours for the training completed to become a PCA, which training is deemed to provide basic proficiency in 34 of 72 “Resident Care Procedure” (“RCP”) skills required for CNAs in Indiana.
 - b. The candidate must complete eighteen (18) hours of additional training, consisting of fifteen (15) hours of classroom instruction and three (3) hours of clinical and competency checkoffs. This training must follow the “Expedited CNA Training for PCAs and TNAs” outlined in Appendix A to this Order and keyed to the existing Indiana Nurse Aide Curriculum approved by the Department. Completion of these eighteen (18) hours will be deemed to provide basic proficiency in the remaining 38 RCP skills required for CNAs and adequate preparation for the final CNA testing and skills examination.
 - c. When the candidate has (i) completed all the foregoing training and (ii) accrued at least 49 hours of facility-based work experience as a registered PCA, the candidate will be deemed to have completed 75 hours of training as currently required to become a CNA. The candidate must present sufficient documentation that all training has been completed and all required hours worked before the candidate may attempt the final CNA testing and skills examination.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 13(B) of the Governor’s March 19, 2020 Executive Order 20-05, the waivers and actions authorized by this Order shall expire no earlier than the date the Governor’s Declaration is withdrawn or expires, including any extensions thereof.

SO ORDERED as of the date set forth below.

Kristina Box, MD, FACOG
State Health Commissioner

By: 

Matthew Foster, Assistant Commissioner
Consumer Services & Health Care Regulation

Date: October 24, 2020

Expedited CNA Training for PCAs and TNAs

Approved by emergency order on October 24, 2020

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